

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
JULY 26, 2018 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First up was Michelle Acton with Animal Control come before the Commissioners requesting permission to carry a fire arm for herself and the other officer for Animal Control. Sheriff Driver has offered to give training for the fire arm and certify both officers. The handbook would have to be amended for this department to be added to the list of county employees allowed to carry while on the job. Ellie Bright, County Attorney asked that this be tabled until the August 23rd meeting as she will not be able to attend the August 9th meeting. Commissioners tabled to the August 23rd meeting.

Next was Jim Reeves, Highway Superintendent, had two letters of understanding on unofficial detours from INDOT. Both letters concerned the closing of State Road 7 for a small structure replacement. These traffic restrictions will start the spring of 2019.

Next Mr. Reeves had a paving quote for base road in front of the Quarry from Dave O'Mara Paving for \$12,500 and was requesting approval from the Commissioners to accept the quote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to accept the quote of \$12,500 for the paving on base road; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Mr. Reeves requested permission to do additional appropriations from his cash funds to Bridge 76 project. Total Appropriation would be \$300,000.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the additional appropriation of \$300,000; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Reeves said he had some requests for speed limit signs.

In the 2 mile addition for Neece Dr., Spencer Rd. and Victoria Dr. 20 mph was agreed on for this area.

County Road 250 S Freedom Church Road 40 mph was agreed on.

County Road 550 W 40 mph was agreed on.

Mr. Reeves reminded the Commissioners that the RR Safety Grant was coming up.

There was discussion on what could be done about all the ASH trees.

Next, Don Biehle came to the Commissioners with a Utility Easement with Southeastern Indiana Rural Electric Membership Corporation needing Matt Sporleder' signature as the property owner. This is part of the process in building the new Campbell Township Fire Station. Matt Sporleder signed the easement.

Next Kitty Shepherd, Jennings County Treasurer, came to ask the Commissioners to allow her to take her 2 deputies on three different dates: Treasurer's State Conference 8-8 to 8-10; Treasurer Conference 9-17 & 9-18 and a Class on August 15th. Mrs. Shepherd feels it is necessary to take all her staff to these meetings. The handbook states that a part time employee cannot be left in charge of an office without the Commissioners approval. Mrs. Shepherd stated that the reason she needed all her staff to go to these because they recent credit hours for the State called meetings and on 9-17 & 9-18 they are going to be certified which is a big deal. Mrs. Shepherd assured the Commissioners that the part time person would be able to process tax payments as needed and if there were any problems all she had to do is call them.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow all the full time staff in the Treasurer's Office to attend the meetings stated above; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Mrs. Shepherd stated that she requested that the deputies' registration fees be made from the general fund and the Auditor had refused payment. Auditor Vance stated that for State Called Meetings only the elected official is directed to attend but if that official wants to take any of their staff the costs come out of their budget training line item. Matt Sporleder stated that this one time they would allow the registration fees to be paid out of the general fund but she needed to make sure she budgeted for this next year.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the registration fees to be paid from general fund for the Treasurer State Conference 8-08 – 8-10; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next Randy Shepherd came as Treasurer of the Co-coordinating Council, requesting payment on a claim he had submitted to the auditor's office. Mr. Shepherd states that the auditor's office was requesting invoices with the claim. Mr. Shepherd went on to say that he had also submitted a claim for the Fair Board for \$5,000 and it was paid without invoice.

Auditor Vance responded saying that the bill was submitted after the fair was over and that she knew there were numerous expenses being paid far beyond the \$5,000. When the Coordinating Council's claim was filed she called James Malcomb, President of the board to see what the claim was about and was told he didn't know of any need for the \$5,000 and to deny the claim. Later the Auditor received a

call from Mr. Malcomb apologizing that he did not realize that an insurance invoice needed paid. Auditor Vance asked if she could have a copy of the invoice to put with the claim per State Board of Accounts and was told it would be no problem and was waiting for the invoice.

Mr. Shepherd stated that there were several expenses that needed payment and the insurance invoice was just one. The insurance was \$3,214; maintenance \$969 for equipment and cleaning and fascia had to be put on the outside of the building; utilities \$4,201 and miscellaneous expense leaving a balance of \$1,343. Mr. Sporleder stated that \$8,384 expenses had already been incurred and they were asking for \$5,000 and Mr. Shepherd agreed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to pay \$5,000 to the Coordinating Council; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims and payroll; Dave lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane